

LYNDON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF
APRIL 9, 2012

The Lyndon City Council met in special session on Monday, April 9, 2012, 6:30 p.m., at City Hall.

Members Present: Bill Patterson, Brandon Smith, Doug Watson, Wayne Howard (7:04)
and Mayor Kay Jones

Others Present: Kim Newman, City Administrator
Barbara Schattak, City Clerk
Pat Walsh, City Attorney
David Wilson, Maintenance Superintendent
Julie Stutzman, City Treasurer

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Smith to approve the following agenda items;

1. To discuss utility rates.

Patterson seconded the motion, which carried.

The City Administrator gave a slideshow presentation on the status of the funding for water and sewer as well as what is needed to keep from using existing reserves. It was noted the rate study done in 2011 by Ranson Financial recommended a 31% increase in water rates. The City Administrator recommended having a stormwater utility fee to generate funds to help with drainage throughout town.

It was noted the City should have at least 3 months of operating reserves at all time; which at this time the City does but if rates are not raised reserves will be gone within 5 years.

The Maintenance Superintendent informed council cities will be given more sewer regulations within the next 5 years. Mayor Jones asked if the City is still working on the smoke testing results; the Maintenance Superintendent stated they were. The new GPS maps for water and sewer lines were presented by the Maintenance Superintendent.

Patterson questioned how many customers are out of town; it was noted there are two or three besides the little districts that pay for water and a few of them also pay sewer rates. Patterson noted he has heard from individuals that our water rates are high now. The City Administrator noted we have large bonds to pay off from both funds.

Howard stated there needs to be a minimum for every housing unit rather than one minimum for one meter to which Watson suggested having a multi-family rate.

Council members were given draft copies of ordinances for water and sewer to review.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Smith to accept the recommendation of 15% increase in water and sewer rates effective July 1, 2012 and an additional increase of 15% effective January 1, 2013 and a stormwater utility fee of \$1 for residential and \$2 for commercial as of July 1, 2012. Watson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

At 8:40 p.m. a motion was made by Howard for adjournment to the adjourned meeting of April 16, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. Patterson seconded the motion, which carried.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Barbara Schattak". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Barbara Schattak
City Clerk